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In re Application of:)
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David Seidler) Group Art Unit: 3727
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Application No.: 09/933,992) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton
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Filed: August 21, 2001)
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For: VIRTUAL HINGE)
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. patent applications: Application No. 10/093,919; Application No. 10/744,394; Application No. 10/744,340; and Application No. 10/663,210. According to the undersigned's understanding, each of those applications names David Seidler as an inventor and may involve the use of magnets in a container environment.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents or any of the above-mentioned applications are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents and above-mentioned applications as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that such cited documents and/or applications do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such materials.

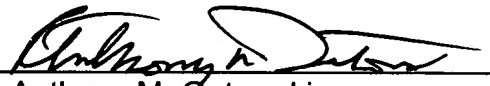
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents/applications, should one or more of the documents/applications be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
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	6,070,749	6/2000	Joulia			
	5,657,894	8/1997	Bowen			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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